

Public Health Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

I am a retired Internist who practiced in Manchester, Ct. As part of my practice, I was the local Hospice Medical Director for 5 years and served as Medical Director for several LTC facilities. During this time I treated and witnessed many people at the end of their lives. Many died at peace with little pain. However, the ones I remember most were the patients who remained uncomfortable and suffered during their last days. Often, they were anxious about how much worse they would get and how much more pain they could endure. Most were competent and would ask if there were any other options to help relieve their suffering. I could offer only increased medication which had side effects they did not want.

I firmly believe that SB01076 would provide another option for these few individuals. It would help relieve the anxiety about getting worse or over medicating. It would provide another important tool for End Of Life Care which would be used by few, but would be so important for those who choose to request it.

Please vote in support of SB01076.

Thank you.

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